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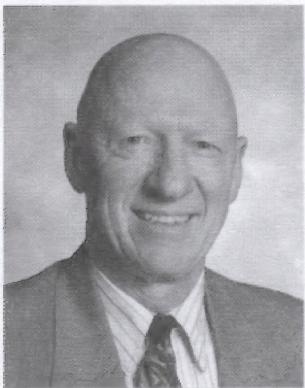
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Multipurpose Building

Friday, May 14, 2004

Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees



K. Bruce Sherbine, Ph.D. serves as director of academic affairs at Penn State Worthington Scranton. He will be retiring from his post in August after 20 years of service to the University.

Dr. Sherbine joined Penn State after 20 years of teaching and administrative experience in higher education at colleges in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee. He holds a Ph.D. in zoology from Penn State, master of science degree in education from Temple University, and an A.B. degree in biology from Gettysburg College.

As director of academic affairs at Penn State, Dr. Sherbine was instrumental in developing the first four baccalaureate degree programs offered at the Worthington Scranton campus, with three additional baccalaureate programs currently under proposal. He also initiated four associate degree programs during his tenure. Dr. Sherbine is directly responsible for hiring campus faculty, and to-date has hired over 80% of the faculty now employed at the campus.

In addition to his involvement on numerous Worthington Scranton campus committees, Dr. Sherbine has served on several committees for Penn State's Commonwealth College. His committee work most recently has focused on faculty promotion and tenure, internship guidelines, administrative evaluations and searches, and professional mentoring. As a respected senior administrator, Dr. Sherbine was selected as a presenter for the Penn State Leader, a statewide professional development program for University staff.

In the community, he serves as secretary on the board of directors of Campus Ministry of NEPA. He has served on the strategic planning committee for the Career Development Center and education committee for the Lackawanna County Chamber of Commerce. He is an elder and choir member at the First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit, and serves on the Presbyterian Church, USA, Synod of the Trinity, committee to allocate campus ministry funds to public universities in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sherbine was the recipient of the campus Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Award for service to the university and community. He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Clarks Summit. They have six children, Kate, Kory, Kim, Hannah, Tim and Jon.

TO OUR GUESTS

WE WELCOME YOU TO THESE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FOR THE 2004 GRADUATING CLASS OF PENN STATE WORTHINGTON SCRANTON. YOU ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE GRADUATES IN THE GALLAGHER CONFERENCE CENTER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONIES. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE WITHHOLD APPLAUSE DURING THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS UNTIL ALL THOSE FOR A GIVEN PROGRAM OF STUDY HAVE BEEN AWARDED.

PROGRAM

Presiding	MARY-BETH KROGH-JESPERSEN, Ph.D. Campus Executive Officer
Faculty Marshal	JOHN D. BAIRDON, Ph.D. Mathematics
Academic Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" (Edward Elgar)	WORTHINGTON SCRANTON CONCERT BAND Sharon Ann Toman, M.M., Director
National Anthem: "The Star-Spangled Banner"	WORTHINGTON SCRANTON CHORALE & CONCERT BAND Sharon Ann Toman, M.M., Director
Welcome	MARY-BETH KROGH-JESPERSEN, Ph.D.
Reflection: "For Just a Little While" (Albrecht and Althouse)	WORTHINGTON SCRANTON CHORALE Sharon Ann Toman, M.M., Director
Introduction of Speaker	RICHARD M. WALSH Advisory Board President
Address	K. BRUCE SHERBINE, Ph.D.
Introduction of Graduates	K. BRUCE SHERBINE, Ph.D. Director of Academic Affairs
Presentation of Diplomas	
H. DURELL JOHNSON, Ph.D. Human Development & Family Studies	Verna Saleski, M.S., C.R.N.P. Nursing
MICHAEL G. ABDALLA, B.S., M.S. Letters, Arts, and Sciences	RICHARD F. DEMPSEY, B.S., M.S., M.S. Information Sciences and Technology
JEANNE W. FRIEDRICH, B.S., M.S. Occupational Therapy	DAVID P. ECHEVARRIA, Ph.D. Business
TINA M. MERLI, B.S.E.T., P.E. Architectural Engineering Technology	
Conferring of Degrees	MARY-BETH KROGH-JESPERSEN, Ph.D.
Charge to New Alumni	RICK PAMBIANCO Campus Alumni Society President
Closing	MARY-BETH KROGH-JESPERSEN, Ph.D.
Alma Mater (Fred Lewis Pattee)	WORTHINGTON SCRANTON CHORALE & CONCERT BAND
Recessional: "Procession of the Nobles" (Rimsky-Korsakov)	WORTHINGTON SCRANTON CONCERT BAND

AWARDS AND HONORS

GRADUATION WITH HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Joan Santiso Kearney, *Nursing*
Stephanie J. VanLoon, *Nursing*

GRADUATION WITH HIGH DISTINCTION

Melinda Aiosa, *Business*
Linda Chorba, *Nursing*
Rita DiRado, *Occupational Therapy*
Danielle Dionne Sholcosky, *Letters, Arts & Sciences*
Anthony J. Stachurski, *Occupational Therapy*

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

James Breslin, *Nursing*
Diane Stypulkowski, *Nursing*
Van White, *Nursing*
Kelly Marie Worsnick, *Nursing*

Honors Graduates - Associate degree students completing their required courses with the following averages are graduated with honor: 3.98 to 4.00, with highest distinction; 3.90 to 3.97, with high distinction; 3.77 to 3.89 with distinction.

Commonwealth College bachelor's degree students completing their required courses with the following averages are graduated with

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Graduates in the College of Health and Human Development are graduated with honor with the following averages: 3.94 to 4.00, with highest distinction; 3.84 to 3.93, with high distinction; 3.72 to 3.83, with distinction.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Commonwealth College

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Julie Elizabeth Hargett

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Debra A. Voytek

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*graduates with the highest grade point average in their academic disciplines

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**College of Information Sciences
and Technology**

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INFORMATION SCIENCES AND
TECHNOLOGY**

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Mark S. Nichols

Matthew R. Showers

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Baccalaureate degree candidates who completed their studies at Penn State Worthington Scranton.

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Shane E. Caswell+

Reneé Clara Collins

Patrick Conflitti

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Christopher Gentile

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Christopher Joseph Rebovich

Christopher D. Ross

Kimberly Faith Ryon

Boris John Shihinski

Daniel Siddons

Jeffrey E. Stoddard+

Judy Tallman

Christopher Richard Winters

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Amanda Leigh Bellizia

Nicole Amber Kathren Chiarelli

Justyna Chorba+

Darcy Kathleen Congdon+

Audrey Françoise Edwards+

Pamela A. Gluck*

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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

John P. Jones
Reneé Marie Kenyon+
Christina T. Krayer+
Trisha Ann Pilosi+
Kim A. Rybnick
Jessica Marie Stefanik+
Elizabeth A. Stine
Dana Marie Walker+
Nicole Williams+

College of Health and Human Development

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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Kristen Bunce
David M. Cabets
Cary L. Edwards
Jamie E. Errigo+
Maria Flynn
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Judith Stiles
Tracy Lynn Witkowski

College of Information Sciences and Technology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

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Thomas Raymond Charles+
Ronald A. Ciarrocchi
Joseph N. DellaMonica
Justin Albert Diaz
David M. Graff+
Brian Hernandez*
Nira Jailal
Megan Lynn Jenkins+
John J. Klimek
Mark James Moran
Jennifer P. Stanis
Erik Swanson
Timothy F. Van Doren+

Baccalaureate degree candidates who began their studies here or who reside in this area may take part in commencement at this campus. This year, students representing two colleges will be awarded their degrees.

Commonwealth College

BACHELOR OF ARTS LETTERS, ARTS AND SCIENCES
Danielle Dionne Sholcosky

College of Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE SECONDARY EDUCATION
Sarah E. Sweeney

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PENN STATE WORTHINGTON SCRANTON

The Pennsylvania State University, implementing its mandate as a land-grant institution, initiated academic services for the Scranton area in 1923 with the establishment of an Extension Branch School that offered evening technical institute programs. Known as the Scranton Technical Institute, this branch school operated in various locations in Scranton until 1950, when it moved into the Longfellow School Annex of the Scranton School District to handle the increased enrollments in the technological programs offered.

In 1951, the Scranton Center was established, providing day and evening technical institute programs until 1953, when associate degree curricula were offered in drafting and design technology and in electrical engineering technology. These two associate degree offerings provided the Scranton area with its only accredited curricula in the technological field, and thereby made it possible for local residents to be trained for industries that were replacing the once dominant coal-mining industry during this economic transitional period.

During the 1950s, the local Advisory Board, under the leadership of Robert E. Dawson, director of the Scranton Center, began planning for a permanent campus out of the confines of

the city to serve a greater area and greater needs. A public fund-raising campaign was instituted to solicit funds from business, industry, labor, former students, and friends. The board then purchased land and began planning the new campus. Their work came to fruition in 1968 with the completion of the Dawson Building, constructed with federal, state, and contributed funds.

Since that time, four buildings have been added: the Library, the Study Learning Center, the Multipurpose Building, and the James D. Gallagher Conference Center. Course offerings and programs of study have increased to the point that seven associate and four baccalaureate degrees are now available, as well as course offerings for the first two years of baccalaureate study in most Penn State programs.

When the Scranton Center moved in 1968 to its present permanent location, it was named in memory of Worthington Scranton, a prominent industrialist, philanthropist, and civic leader of northeastern Pennsylvania. The location of the new forty-five-acre campus provided the space necessary for growth and development consistent with the University's land-grant mandate and the increasing needs of the residents of northeastern Pennsylvania.

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Pennsylvania State University was chartered in 1855 as an agricultural college. A faculty of four taught its first students, eleven of whom were graduated in 1861. In 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Land-Grant Act, offering each state free public land for "the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college where the leading objective shall be ... to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the pursuits and professions of life."

A year later, in 1863, the legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designated Penn State as its only land-grant institution declaring, "The faith of the State is hereby pledged to carry the same into effect." From this beginning has grown a distinguished university of more than 80,000 students with a faculty of 5,000.

After the Civil War, engineering, science and liberal arts were added to the curricula. The first women were admitted in 1871.

In 1953, The Pennsylvania State College became The Pennsylvania State University in for-

mal recognition of what it long since had become, one of the leading universities of the nation.

The University is composed of 24 Penn State locations throughout Pennsylvania that offer undergraduate and graduate studies in more than 200 academic disciplines.

The extensive development of the campuses in recent years has enabled the University to provide a wide range of badly needed services—not only to the young men and women on whom the future growth of the state depends, but also to the adults who, in growing numbers, are seeking continuing education and training to maintain their competence and well-being in a rapidly changing society.

As the land-grant institution of Pennsylvania, Penn State has developed, over the years, a complex of statewide facilities and services that makes it possible for the University to fulfill its century-old mandate to provide education for the citizens of the Commonwealth "at times and places convenient to them."

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PROGRAM NOTES

Academic Dress

The traditional costume worn at commencement exercises is a record of the academic achievement of the individuals taking part. Its use originated at English and European universities during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Medieval institutions of higher learning were customarily operated by monastic orders, and students as well as faculty wore the habit of monks.

The hood seems to have developed from those worn by monks to protect their shaved heads in the winter and used as a container in which to collect alms. The mortarboard cap is a modification of the skull caps also worn by the monks of the Middle Ages.

The level of degree is indicated by the gown's cut. Doctoral gowns have full sleeves that are round and open. Gowns worn by the masters have long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves, with an arc near

the bottom; the arm goes through a slit, giving the appearance of short sleeves. Bachelor gowns have long, pointed sleeves. Both the bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed, but the doctor's is faced in front with velvet, either black or in a color to indicate the nature of the degree; three velvet bars adorn each sleeve. The gold tassel on the cap also signifies the doctorate.

The most significant part of the academic dress is the hood; the longer the hood, the more advanced the degree. The color of the velvet border indicates the academic field: arts, white; theology, scarlet; law, purple; medicine, green; music, pink; philosophy, dark blue; science, golden yellow; engineering, orange; economics, copper; nursing, apricot; public health, salmon pink; fine arts, brown; accountancy and commerce, drab; library science, lemon; and education, light blue. The colors of the lining inside the hood indicate the school that granted the degree; Penn State's are dark blue and white.

ALMA MATER

by Fred Lewis Pattee

*For the glory of old State
For her founders, strong and great,
For the future that we wait,
Raise the song, raise the song*

*Sing our love and loyalty,
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee.
All with thee, all with thee.*

*When we stood at childhood's gate,
Shapeless in the hands of fate,
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,
Dear old State, dear old State.*

*May no act of ours bring shame
To one heart that loves thy name,
May our lives but swell thy fame,
Dear old State, dear old State!*

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